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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing to advise you of my support for the proposed settlement agreement between the United States federal government and the Microsoft Corporation, and to encourage you to approve this settlement agreement.

This proposed settlement agreement would be of tremendous benefit to consumers in Virginia and other states. The dispute between Microsoft and the federal government needs to be concluded as quickly as possible, and a fundamental part of this settlement agreement should be recognition that Microsoft should be empowered to decide which products and features it offers to the public and how those products are priced. This is in the interest of competition, and bringing the best possible products, at the lowest possible price, to consumers.

As you know, Virginia is a technology friendly state, and technology companies have flourished within the Commonwealth over the past several years. We need to do everything we can to encourage a continuation of this important economic development activity, and we need to make certain that we not impede the success of companies like Microsoft in any WQY.

Again, thank you and I hope you will act favorably on this request.

Sincerely,

VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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